# ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES FIELD TEST TOOL Fiscal Capacities

### **Standard**

Effective financial and management systems are in place in all public health agencies.

This is an <i>important</i> standard for the public health system, whether or not it can be met today.  Agree  Disagree			. <del>_</del>
How could it be improved?			
Measures			
<ol> <li>The accounting system identifies expenditures by funding source. Systems use standard accounting principles and practices.</li> </ol>			
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree		We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources	
This measure is:  Clear  Too general or vague		We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No	
How would you improve the wording?			
The accounting reporting system provides timely and useful financial management information.			
LHJs should be able to do this/provinformation.  Agree  Disagree	ide this	We could meet this standar  At this time  With some effort or org  Only with major effort, r	anization change
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague		We could document this me Yes – Example: No	easure is met
How would you improve the wording?			

3. The budget is aligned with the agency strategic plan and reflects agency goals.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	
4. The budget is monitored regularly.	
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	
Internal controls are written and followed for:     Financial management     Compliance with standard accounting principle     Grants, contracts and procurement	es
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources
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How would you improve the wording?	1

6. Audit recommendations and findings are promptly addressed.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	
7. Guidelines and policies exist regarding maximizing	ı revenue.
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	1
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8. Facilities are appropriate for effective and efficient	provision of public health services.
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	1

9. Facilities and systems are compliant to ADA, HIPAA and other state and federal local regulations

(ADA, HIPAA, WISHA).	
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	
DOH should develop consistency in reporting requ	irements for local health contractors.
LHJs should be able to provide this information.  Agree Disagree This measure is: Clear Too general or vague	We could comply with this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources
How would you improve the wording?	
11. Monitoring systems are in place for contractor repo	orts and Statement of Work results.
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	

12. Consistent procedures are followed for solicitation of contractors.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	
13. Contracts meet legal review and requirements.	
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	

### **Standard**

Human Resource systems and services support the public health workforce.

This is an <i>important</i> standard for the public health system, whether or not it can be met today.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources		The <i>meaning</i> of the standard is clear.  Agree  Disagree	
How could it be improved?				
Measures			_	
Written up-to-date personnel ru	iles and/or labor cor	ntracts are available to all sta	π.	
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree		We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague			We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No	
How would you improve the wording?				
Written job descriptions and/or classification descriptions for all positions are available to all staff.				
LHJs <i>should</i> be able to do this/provinformation.  Agree  Disagree	ride this	We could meet this standar  At this time  With some effort or org  Only with major effort, i	anization change	
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague		We could document this many series — Example: No		
How would you improve the wording?				

3. The salary decision-making process for the agency is documented.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?			
The agency has systems in place to assure that per consistency.	sonnel laws and regulations are carried out with		
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is: ☐ Clear ☐ Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example: No		
How would you improve the wording?			
Workplace policies valuing diversity are in place.			
LHJs <i>should</i> be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
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How would you improve the wording?			

6. For individual employees, a performance management system that recognizes strengths and addresses deficiencies and includes a development plan is in place.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	
7. A workforce development plan has been developed	for the agency.
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	
Employees have adequate supervision.	
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources
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9. Processes for recruitment are in place and documented.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	
10. A succession and/or replacement plan exists.	
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	
11. A plan for recruitment and retention is in place tha competence is in place.	t shows the agency values diversity and cultural
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	1

# **Information Systems Capacities**

### **Standard**

Information Systems support the public health mission.

This is an <i>important</i> standard for the public health system, whether or not it can be met today.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  ☐ At this time ☐ With some effort or organization change ☐ Only with major effort, new resources  ☐ Disagree		
How could it be improved?			
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Measures			
<ol> <li>Primary information systems ar supported.</li> </ol>	id reduildant system	ns are avaliable, reliable, app	Jophale, secure and
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Disagree		Only with major effort, r	
This measure is:		We could document this me	easure is met
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Too general or vague		□ No	
How would you improve the wording?			
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2. Information systems include e-m	nail and Internet ties		
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information.	ide tilis	At this time	iu
Agree		With some effort or org	anization change
Disagree		Only with major effort, r	new resources
This measure is:		We could document this me	easure is met
☐ Clear		Yes – Example:	
☐ Too general or vague		│ □ No	
How would you improve the wording?			
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# **Information Systems Capacities**

3. Strategies for use of future technologies are part of the agency IS plan.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?			
Information Technology staff is available to develop these systems secure.	, operate, and maintain data systems and to keep		
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?			
5. Staff (or the agency as a whole?) will provide timely external audiences.	access to and distribution of data to internal and		
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?	•		

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6. Information technology policies and procedures are written and address security, redundancy, and appropriate use and are monitored for compliance.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No
How would you improve the wording?	

### **Standard**

Leadership and Governance bodies set agency policies and direction.

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How could it be improved?				
Measures				
1. Public communication includes increasing the public understanding of the mission of public health and the role of public health services.				
LHJs <i>should</i> be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree		We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague		We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?				
Public relations efforts include risk communication principles.				
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree		We could meet this standar  At this time  With some effort or org  Only with major effort, r	anization change	
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague		We could document this me Yes – Example:		
How would you improve the wording?				

3. Customer service goals are established.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree Disagree  This measure is:	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources  We could document this measure is met		
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How would you improve the wording?			
Appropriate intergovernmental and community relations exist (e.g. other governmental bodies, schools, hospitals, and others).			
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example: No		
How would you improve the wording?			
Guidelines are written regarding outside/media communications and a media contact is established.			
LHJs <i>should</i> be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is: ☐ Clear ☐ Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?			

6. Guidelines are written regarding internal communication.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example: No		
How would you improve the wording?			
7. There are procedures for communication with decision-making bodies and elected officials.			
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?			
8. An agency plan is developed that includes: Purpose and Goals Division and program plans. Key activities and initiatives Community involvement			
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?			

9. The Agency has established written guidelines and programs for effective management of risk and includes obtaining appropriate insurance coverage.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree Disagree This measure is: Clear Too general or vague  How would you improve the wording?	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources  We could document this measure is met Yes – Example: No			
Appropriate documents exist which implement the laws and transfer authority and responsibility as needed for operations.				
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree Disagree  This measure is: Clear Too general or vague  How would you improve the wording?	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources  We could document this measure is met Yes – Example: No			
11. The public health staff operates under its legal aut	chority and responsibility.			
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree Disagree  This measure is:	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources  We could document this measure is met			
Clear Too general or vague	Yes – Example:			
How would you improve the wording?				

12. Policies, local ordinances and administrative codes are accessible to the public.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree Disagree  This measure is: Clear Too general or vague  How would you improve the wording?	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources  We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No	
- Tiew would you improve the wording:		
13. Legal counsel is available.		
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources	
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No	
How would you improve the wording?		
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14. A Quality Improvement plan exists.		
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources	
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example: No	
How would you improve the wording?		

15. Quality improvement strategies are used.

We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
16. Agency policies and procedures are written and followed.		
We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?		
17. Agency policy development processes involve public engagement and involvement.		
We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?		

18. The governing body sets operating rules and for communications between it and senior managers.

LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?			
19. The governing body votes on actions it takes.			
LHJs should be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change Only with major effort, new resources		
This measure is:  Clear Too general or vague	We could document this measure is met  Yes – Example:  No		
How would you improve the wording?			
20. There is a process for orientation of new Board me	embers.		
LHJs <i>should</i> be able to do this/provide this information.  Agree  Disagree	We could meet this standard  At this time  With some effort or organization change  Only with major effort, new resources		
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How would you improve the wording?			